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Is it cowardice, then  
To fly a flag I do not believe in  
And break from isolation into the pretense of a superpower  
I never meant to become,  
To be swept up in that war fever,  
Or to keep my silence and be left behind in sweet but invisible peace,  
Never to fly a flag at all?  
War is not, after all, a spectator sport  
And though unfit, I have no choice  
Except to play and be without meaning  
Or to sink into the battlefield,  
Silence being among the first casualties of this war,  
To go down with my ship and be without purpose.

*Jessica Shubert*



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